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A Hydrogeological Study of the Vicinity of HiMill Manufacturing, Highland, Michigan

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#### Summary

The HiMill Manufacturing Company, located on M-59 in Highland, Michigan, Oakland County, T3N R7E Section 23, makes fabricated tubing and fittings using copper or aluminum tubing (Legrand assessment July 29, 1980). The HiMill property borders on the Highland State Recreation Area. The HiMill lagoon is adjacent to a marsh connected to Waterbury Lake.

Wells were installed in the Highland Recreation Area outside the eastern and southern fence line of HiMill Manufacturing to determine if heavy metals were leaching from the HiMill lagoon into the adjacent marsh. Elevated levels of aluminum, copper, chromium and zinc were detected to the east and south-east of the lagoon. Somewhat less elevated levels of these metals were detected to the north-east of the lagoon, near the edge of the HiMill parking lot. Each of these wells was in or adjacent to the marsh and in the direction of groundwater flow from the HiMill property to the marsh.

#### Procedure

A preliminary site inspection was made on July 9, 1980 at the HiMill Manufacturing Company on M-59 in Highland, Michigan, which produces fabricated tubing and fittings (Legrand assessment, July 29, 1980). The inspection included some hand augering to determine the types of sediment on the site.

The wells were installed on May 18, 1981. The boreholes were hand-augered and the wells were installed to a maximum depth ranging from 3.84 to 6.9 feet. The wells were constructed of 1-1/4 inch I.D. schedule 80 PVC casing with 3 foot long size 7 slot PVC screens. The well annuli were packed to above the screen with #3 silica sand from the Gibralter Corporation. Bentonite pellets or powdered bentonite was used to complete the filling to the ground surface (see appendix).

The wells were sampled on May 19, 1981, using a hand-operated diaphram pump. The wells were pumped dry, rinsed with a small amount of Lansing city water and pumped dry again to help clear them. They were then allowed to re-fill before being sampled. Lansing city water was also pumped through the pump and hose to rinse them between the pumping of individual wells. Samples were taken for totals of chromium, copper, nickel, lead, zinc, and aluminum and were preserved and cooled according to MDNR Environmental Laboratory procedures. Water levels were measured by chalked tape on June 23, 1981 (see Table 1) and the site was mapped by the MDNR Engineering Division.

### Geology and Ground Water Flow

The project site consists of relatively pure, dense clays and thin layers of sandy or gravelly clays. These generally are the result of water deposition and indicate a low permeability clay. This low permeability was observed during sampling by the slowness with which water entered the wells.

The top of the water table is at the ground surface in the vicinity of well HM3, approximately 35 feet east of the lagoon, at an elevation of 1006.0 feet. Ground water flow on the site is east, southeast, and south from the HiMill property into the adjacent marsh (see Table 1 and Figure 1).

# Sampling Results

The location of well HM6 southwest of the lagoon was chosen for use as a background well since according to water table measurements it appeared to be out of the influence of drainage from the lagoon. Sampling results confirmed this since the metals concentrations of the water in HM6 were substantially lower than the highest metals concentrations and less than or equal to the lowest metals concentrations of water in the other wells (see Table 2).

The total chromium concentrations of the water in the wells varied from less than 50 ug/l to 160 ug/l (see Table 2 and Figure 2). The two wells with the highest chromium concentrations, HM3 with 160 ug/l and HM4 with 130 ug/l, lie to the east of the HiMill lagoon. The third highest, well HMl east of the edge of the parking lot, had a chromium concentration of 110 ug/l.

The aluminum concentrations of the well water samples ranged from 1800 ug/l to 7900 ug/l (see Table 2 and Figure 3). Well HM5 southeast of the lagoon had the highest aluminum concentration; 7900 ug/l. The two wells with the next highest aluminum concentrations were HM1, east of the edge of the parking lot, with a concentration of 4600 ug/l, and HM3, east of the lagoon, with a concentration of 4000 ug/l.

The copper concentrations of the water in the wells varied from 30 ug/1 to 840 ug/1 (see Table 2 and Figure 4). The well with the highest copper concentration, 840 ug/1, was HM4 southeast of the lagoon. The two next highest copper concentrations were 480 ug/1 in HM3 east of the lagoon, and 230 ug/1 in HM1 east of the edge of the parking lot.

The zinc concentration of the well water samples ranged from less than 50 ug/l to 240 ug/l (see Table 2 and Figure 5). Well HM3 east of the lagoon with 240 ug/l was the well with the highest zinc concentration. The next highest zinc concentration was 110 ug/l in HMl east of the edge of the parking lot.

#### Conclusions

The aluminum concentration was approximately 4.4 times higher in well HM5 and approximately 2.6 times higher in well HM1 than in background well HM6. The zinc concentration was approximately 4.8 times higher in well HM3 and at least 2.2 times higher in well HM1 than in background well HM6. The total chrome concentration was 3.2 times higher in well HM3, less than 2.6 times higher in HM4, and more than 2.2 times higher in HM1 than in well HM6. The copper concentration was 28 times higher in HM4, 16 times higher in HM3, and approximately 7.7 times higher in HM1 than in the background well HM6.

This information combined with measurements of the top of the water table (see Figure 1) indicate that copper, aluminum, chromium, and zinc are leaving the HiMill plant site in the ground water and are flowing into the adjacent Highland Recreation area. Most of the metals are migrating east and east-southeast from the lagoon area and were detected by wells HM3 and HM4. Some of the metals are migrating from the northeast end of the plant site and were detected by well HM1 near the edge of the parking lot. Aluminum and small amounts of chromium, copper, and zinc are migrating southeast from the lagoon area and were detected by well HM5.

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Table 1 Well Elevations and Water Elevations in Feet; HiMill Inc. Vicinity June 23, 1981

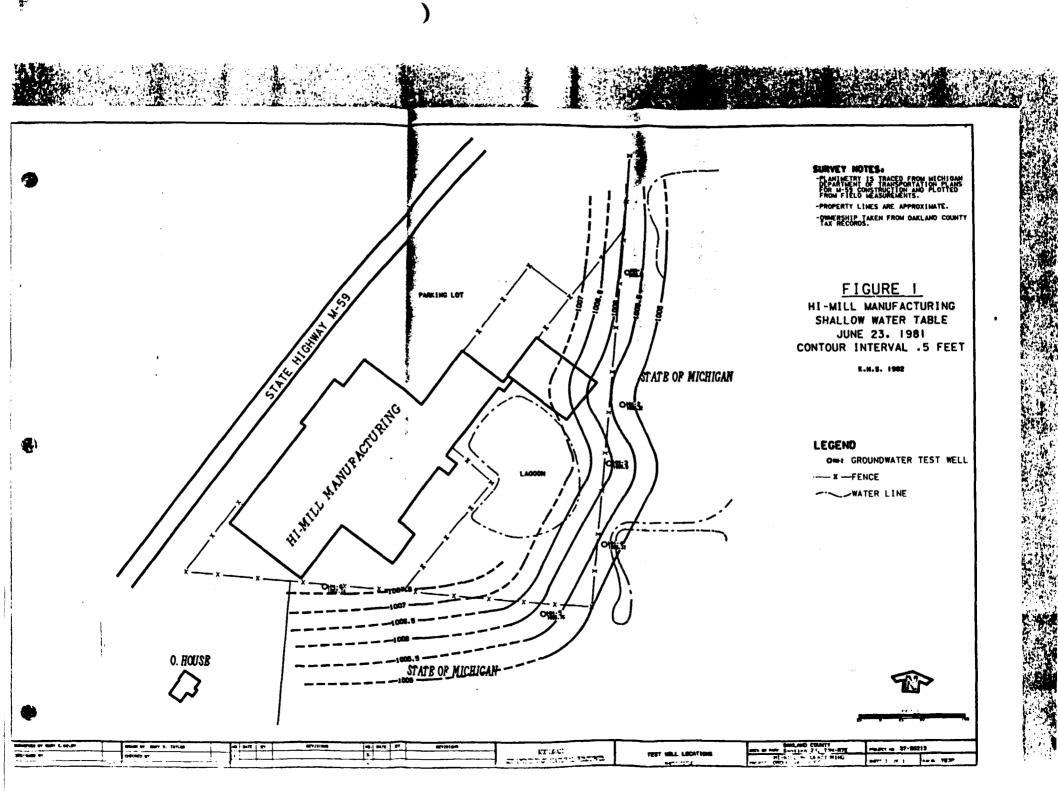
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НМЗ	1010.16	1006.0	4.16	4.7	1006.0
HM4	1009.58	1006.2	3.38	4.21	1005.37
нм5	1010.40	1006.4	4.0	4.64	1005.76
нм6	1011.09	1009.9	1.19	3.35	1007.74

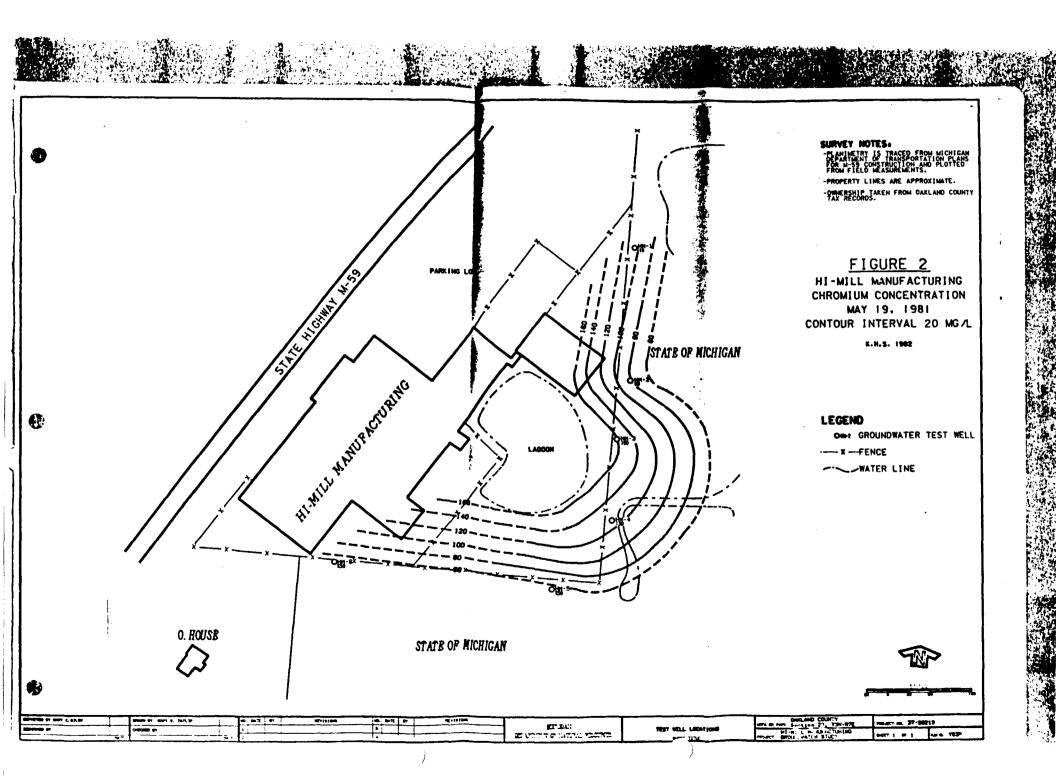
Elevations are based on MDOT Bench Mark 156A.

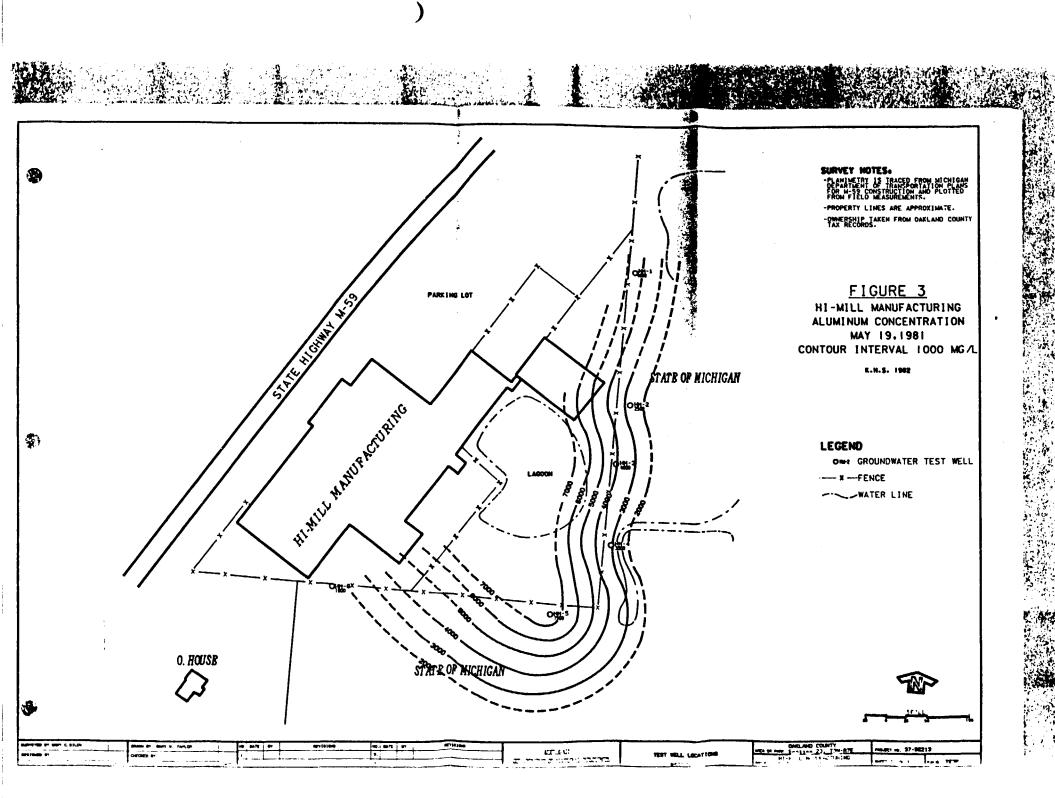
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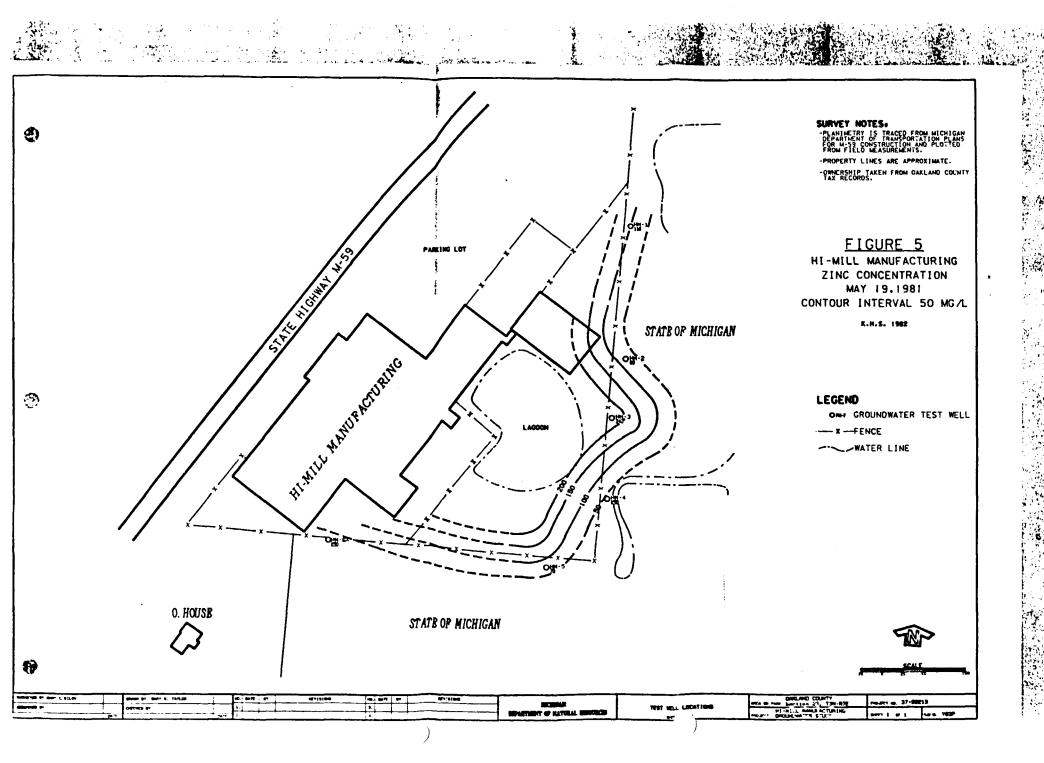
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H <b>M</b> 4	4.62	K 20	130	840	K 50	K 50	K 50	3000
нм5	4	K 20	K 50	90	K 50	K 50	70	7900
нм6	6.81	K 20	K 50	30	K 50	K 50	K 50	1800

Note: Depth is measured from ground level to the bottom of a three foot screen. K = Actual value is less than value given.









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